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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yunosuke Nakahara, et al.

Serial No.: 10/518,153

Filed: December 9, 2004

For: TIN-SILVER BASED...SOLDER

Group: 1742

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 7, 2006, reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are 1, 2 and 4 to 16, all other claims having been cancelled.

In the Office action, the Examiner questioned basis in the application for "indium is at least 8% by weight" as posted in newly presented claim 10, indicating that "less than 10% by weight" as recited in lines 24 to 25 of page 3 as being insufficient.

Applicants believe that the questioned terminology is supported by page 3 taken with the data set forth in Table 1 on page 8 which shows data with solder containing 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8% by weight of indium which falls within the claimed range. Therefore, claim 10 is supported by the disclosure.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the remarks in the last response and the above remarks.

Respectfully submitted, Hedman and Costigan

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